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SUBJ: HIJACKED AIRCRAFT--SITREP 4 201100Z FEB 78

1. THE LIBERATED AIRCREW MEMBER HAS BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE
PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS. HE HAS OFFERED THEM PASSPORTS, ONWARD
PASSAGE AND A CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR CAUSE IF THEY WILL RETURN
THE AIRCRAFT AND PASSENGERS TO CYPRUS.

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2. THE TERRORISTS HAVE BEEN DEMANDING IMMEDIATE REFUELING OF THE
AIRCRAFT.

3. LOCAL AUTHORITIES ARE READY TO PROVIDE THE REFUELING.

4. THE CAPTAIN ON BOARD THE AIRCRAFT NOTES FOUR OR FIVE PEOPLE
FEELING ILL BUT NOT SERIOUSLY SO.

5. THE TERRORISTS HAVE ACCEPTED THE TERMS OF THE CYPRIOT PRESIDENT WITH THE CAVEAT THAT AFTER THE AIRCRAFT ARRIVES, NO ONE MAY APPROACH IT OR DESCEND FROM IT UNTIL THE PASSPORTS ARE IN HAND. AS OF 201045Z PLANS WERE BEING MADE TO REFUEL THE AIRCRAFT. THE FREED PILOT, CAPTAIN COUTGOFTIDES IS RETURNING VOLUNTARILY TO THE AIRCRAFT.

6. COMMENT: OF COURSE IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY IF THE TERRORISTS WILL RETURN TO CYPRUS. HOWEVER, ALL OTHER AVAILABLE AIRPORTS HAVE BEEN CLOSED TO THEM INCLUDING THOSE OF ALGIERS, LIBYA, AND SYRIA.
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